

Local Intelligence.

THURSDAY MAY 4, 1871.

MANCHESTER.

Letters remaining in the Post Office at Manchester, Vt., May 1st, 1871.
Mr. Thomas J. Chase,
Mr. J. W. Cook, H. F. Farkas,
Dashed Post, Edward Garfield,
James Hill, Arnoldus Hazle,
G. L. Leavitt, John D. Powell, F. A. Parnell,
Malcolm Young, J. H. Fawcett,
Emory Wheeler, John H. Winslow, G. Wood,
Deverox, Varney & Nichols, Ladies—Mrs.
Merrill Reed, Mrs. Mary White.

SUGARBURY.

The Broad Leaf Inn at Ripton, Vt., will soon be open for summer business.
A daily stage will run from this place to Ripton.
The 32d anniversary of the I. O. of O. F. in the United States was celebrated under the auspices of Lake Dunmore Lodge, in our village, by a supper, etc., at the Addison House, on the evening of the 28th inst.
Gov. Stewart and other distinguished gentlemen were present.
The supper was everything that could be desired.
In response to the following toast: "Fraternity—The corner stone of Old Fellowship. To be faithful to our country, true to the State, and fraternal to our fellow-men, are the principles of our Order," the Governor made one of his best speeches.

ANNEX.

The Teachers Examination came off on Saturday. The time was fully occupied from half past nine a. m., until a little past 3 o'clock p. m.
Seven teachers were present all of which obtained certificates. Most of them were able to answer a high per cent. of questions; ranging from 78 to 95 per cent. on all of them (on an average) and on some of them they came up to 100 per cent.
I think well of this manner of examination, as all have time to think, while in oral examinations a question is expected to be answered at once.
Teachers are at present somewhat embarrassed, as it is a new thing with them; but they will soon become familiar with the written questions, and it is a far better way.
Most of the schools commence about the middle of May.

ARLINGTON.

Since the completion of the Lebanon Springs railroad, and connection with the Harlem at Chatham, the iron manufacturers of Connecticut and Eastern New York have turned their attention to the Green Mountain State for their supply of charcoal, which is largely used by them in the manufacture of pig iron.
Parties from Connecticut have bought large tracts of land in Manchester and the towns east of it.
Others from Troy and Albany have purchased in Shaftsbury and Woodford; and later, the Copake Iron Co. of New York, have commenced bringing coal in Arlington and have also made contracts with individuals for coal to be delivered at the railroad, and are anxious in every way to facilitate the change of the wood on our hills into coal and greenbacks.
During the last year some half dozen parties in this vicinity have contracted coal for shipment, and a large quantity has been sent off by railroad.
The coal heretofore has been burnt in pits; but during the past fall and winter the Copake managers have built several brick kilns in the west part of the town, where they have bought a large quantity of wood standing, and are filling them preparatory to the commencement of the business for the season.
This seems to be the safest, most profitable and economical way of getting coal, and will sooner or later be adopted by all engaged in the business.
These parties are also still ready and anxious to contract with any wishing to coal their own wood and deliver at the station, where they have built large sheds and have ample accommodations for storing and loading.
They have also a switch from the main track to their grounds and use their own cars to transportation of their coal.
This business is about ready for a start; and the coal trade this fall to be a large one the coming season.
Our mountains and hills will furnish the material for coal for many years to come.
The money paid for its transportation to the treasury of the railroad managers, who, we learn, offer every facility for the prosecution and continuance of the business among us, and count greatly on the prospect for the coal and milk trade of this section, in the future, as a guarantee of our railroad prosperity and profit.
Thus again, by reason of railroad facilities, are our farmers enabled to engage in another branch of business in connection with tilling the soil, and still another industry added to the town.
Also making a still better home market for the products of the farm by increasing the number of employees.

PETERSBURGH, N. Y.

The Hotel at North Petersburgh, kept by Wm. Redner, together with the barn were entirely destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning, April 25th.
The fire originated in the barn, which was but a few feet distant from the hotel, and was the work of an incendiary.
Conner H. W. Peters, of Hoosick Falls, is engaged in building an incinerator, which at the present writing is not completed.
Mr. Redner was insured, Elisha Smith & Co. of this place, and five hundred in his personal property, which will not cover his loss.
Most of the furniture was saved, in a damaged condition.
A new Cabinet Pipe Organ, arrived on Saturday for the Christian Society, and has been placed in position in their church.
Those having tried it, competent to judge, pronounce it a superior instrument.
Rev. John W. Holcomb, recently appointed to the charge of the Methodist church at this place, has entered upon the discharge of his duties, and from present indications will no doubt soon become popular with the members of his church and congregation.
The town authorities met at the hotel of Franklin Welch on the 1st inst., and granted licenses to all who applied.
The old topics about town are rejoicing over the course pursued by the Board, in this matter, and to-day their contentions are continually wreathed in smiles.
The season for greens has arrived, judging from the number of men, women and children daily scouring the fields in all directions in search of dandelions.
Some enterprising gardeners might reap a rich harvest in the cultivation of the dandelion, as they are so generally used in this vicinity.

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